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: DNA Probes, Method and Kit for Identifying Antibiotic-Resistant

Strains of Bacteria

## REPLY

## Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2009 A two month extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.